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Civil Air Patrol Hosts National Conference in St. Louis

MAXWELL AFB, Ala. — Join hundreds of Civil Air Patrol's everyday heroes at the 2005 National CAP Conference, August 17-20 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in St. Louis.

The National Conference is one of the year's most important events for CAP members. This is a golden opportunity for members to share best practices, network, and enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded aviation enthusiasts.

First-time attendees are eligible to go a special reception to meet key leaders. NASA astronaut and CAP member, Eric Boe, will be this year's keynote speaker and you won't want to miss the General Assembly speaker, Jack Pelton, president of Cessna Aircraft Company.

Celebrate the success of fellow CAP members at the National Recognition Ceremony as we honor the best and brightest members in their field. Wrap up the event with the National Commander's Reception and formal banquet on Saturday evening.

Those interested in advancing their CAP career can choose from dozens of learning labs covering unit administration, operations management, procurement, funding, public and media relations, aerospace education, team-building and leadership skills. Courses in Critical Incident Stress Management and Satellite-Digital Transmitted Imaging are available for members who come early. Many of the seminars are an excellent opportunity to fulfill educational requirements for promotion.

While the National Conference will be packed with opportunities for professional growth, there will still be time for fun. Join other members at the stadium for CAP night with the St. Louis Cardinals as they take on the San Francisco Giants. Get there early and watch as CAP cadets post the colors during the National Anthem. Or, join hundreds of CAP members in a rousing Fitness Walk through St. Louis' beautiful downtown area. Browse the exhibit hall where there are plenty of organizations of interest to CAP members. Wear your baseball gear to the Bullpen Blast opening reception and register to win door prizes.

For more information visit <u>www.cap.gov</u> and click on the Everyday Heroes banner. Register early to take advantage of the hotel group rates. Early online registrants are also eligible to win a laptop!

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